

## **Bella Vista City Council Regular Meeting – July 27, 2015 – 6:30PM**

Meeting called to Order by Mayor Christie at 6:30PM

Invocation was given by Pastor Mark Voll of Village Bible Evangelical Free Church.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

City Clerk Jertson called the roll of Alderman; Alderman Anderson, Alderman Flynn, Alderman King, Alderman Morgan, Alderman Wozniak and Alderman Wilson were present.

Citizen Input: Pastor Mark Voll, of 9 Bytham Circle expressed concerns about the speed limit on Forest Hills Blvd. With the new church being built, new Fire Station coming soon and other proposed development in that area he urged the City to approach the State Hwy Dept. about the concerns.

Fred Olson of 6 Carter Circle brought up a hole in the road on Trafalger Rd. He identified the location and was hoping the City could address it soon. Alderman Wozniak commented he was familiar with the location of the problem.

Morris Wohl of 13 Dunbarton Circle expressed concern about a house in their neighborhood that has been under construction for some time and is detracting from the neighborhood. They wanted Building Code Enforcement to look into their concerns.

Chris Van Note of 5 Dunbarton Pl spoke also about the same issue. He also had photographs of the property in question and left them with the Mayor to check into the issue. Mayor Christie said he would follow up on the issue.

Next item of Business was the approval of minutes from the last Council meetings.

June 22, 2015 Motion by Alderman Anderson, second by Alderman Wilson. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

July 2, 2015 Motion by Alderman Anderson, second by Alderman Wozniak. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

July 20, 2015 Motion by Alderman Anderson, second by Alderman King. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Financial Report for June, 2015: The Mayor explained with the use of projected graphs the current condition of the Cities position.

### Revenue

1. General Operating Account \$37.7K Favorable
  - a. County sales tax exceeded expectations by \$36K
2. Street Department \$207K Unfavorable
  - a. There was a budgeted transfer of \$400K in the budget to cover projected shortfall. This transfer was not required due to the fire insurance payment received in May.

### Expenses

1. General Operating Account \$12K Unfavorable
  - a. Fire equipment expense \$14K Unfavorable
1. Streets Department \$287 Favorable
  - a. Resurfacing project not started. Will occur in July. \$100K F

b. Equipment >\$1K not spent. Will occur in July. \$200K F

Reserve \$8.2M

Net Income YTD \$2.5M

The Mayor then commented on the new logo for the City. The slide of the new logo was on the screen. The new logo will be explained in the Vista this coming Wednesday. Design was done at no cost to the City by Elkins Design. The Mayor explained that one item that was on the Council's work session has been pulled from the agenda because of contract concerns. This is related to Obamacare reporting that is required of any employer of 50 or more employees.

A motion to suspend the rules and read all proposed Ordinances and Resolutions by title only was made by Alderman King, second by Alderman Morgan. Roll Call Vote Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

The first Ordinance was read by the Mayor;

**ORDINANCE NO 2015-** AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA BY ADDING ARTICLE III VEHICLE TOWING TO CHAPTER 26 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF TOWING AND STORAGE RATES. (**Second Reading**) There being no questions this will move to 3 and final reading at the August meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO 2015-16-** AUTHORIZING BORROWING FUNDS PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 78 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A 2015 KME CUSTOM PUMPER FIRE TRUCK BY ISSUANCE OF A PROMISSORY NOTE; PROVIDING FOR SECURITY FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE NOTE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This new Fire Truck could be here in as little as 30 days. Because of this Alderman Anderson moved that the council suspend the rules and waive 3 readings and go to final reading. That was seconded by Alderman Morgan. Roll Call vote was taken and there were 6 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Ordinance was then read a final time by the Mayor and a motion was made by Alderman Anderson and a second was made by Alderman Wozniak to approve the Ordinance. Roll Call Vote was taken, Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Ordinance adopted. The Mayor then asked that the Council consider adopting an Emergency Clause which would put the Ordinance in effect immediately. A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and a second by Alderman King. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Emergency Clause applied.

Council then went into a Public Hearing concerning the Ordinance to annex lands bounded on three sides by Bella Vista and one side by the City of Gravette.

**ORDINANCE NO 2015-** ANNEXING LANDS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF BELLA VISTA AND THE CITY OF GRAVETTE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

. There was no public comment. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing and this Ordinance will be placed on the August Agenda for consideration.

**ORDINANCE 2015-AMENDING SECTION 20-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO MODIFY THE PERMISSIBLE TIME PERIODS FOR USAGE OF FIREWORKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Some discussion was held on the reasons for this Ordinance. Primarily this puts Bella Vista in a similar situation as surrounding communities. Alderman Morgan commented on her support of this change. Also Police Chief Farmer also reposted that there had been many more complaints than previous years. The dates were explained and the Ordinance will move to second reading at the August meeting.

**RESOLUTION R2015-46- AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MERCY HEALTH NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITIES D/B/A MERCY CLINIC NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITIES FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.**

Fire Chief Sims gave an overview of how this program would work and spoke about the benefits that this will bring to residents of Bella Vista who are hospitalized. This would allow the City Paramedic's to assist residents as they are released from hospitalization. At this point this is a one year program and will be assessed as the time goes on to determine its effectiveness. A Motion was made by Alderman Flynn, second by Alderman Wilson. Roll Call vote taken; Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION R2015-47- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE RIORDAN ROAD TRAILHEAD PROJECT.**

Planner Suneson gave an overview of this Resolution and talked about some of the challenges that need to be met for this to be completed. There will be an application for funding for this project and it will not be known for some time if that will be awarded. A Motion was made by Alderman Flynn, second by Alderman Wilson. Roll call vote, Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Adopted.

**Resolution R2015-48- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO APPLY FOR STP-A FUNDING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MERCY WAY BRIDGE AND CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Again Planner Suneson gave an explanation of the project and discussed the possible timeline to completion. This will be a long term project and the need to apply now for the funding and to express the Cities willingness to be involved is crucial. Alderman Anderson explained the obligation that the City will have with this Resolution. A Motion was made by Alderman Flynn and a second by Alderman Wilson. Roll call vote- Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

**Resolution R2015-49- A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE DARTMOOR ROAD HAWK CROSSING PROJECT.**

Planner Suneson again gave an explanation of this project and used a visual to point out the different elements of the project. Alderman Anderson moved approval, second by Alderman Wozniak. Roll Call Vote resulted in passage by vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays. Adopted.

The Mayor went over the upcoming Meetings.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next City Council Work Session will be Monday August 17, 2015 @ 5:30PM in the City Hall Conference Room.
- The next Regular meeting of the City Council, Monday August 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Bella Vista American Legion Hall.
- Planning Commission Work Session will be Wednesday July 29 2015 at 4:00PM in the City Hall conference room.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be August 10, 2015 at 6:30PM in the City Hall Conference room.
- Public Safety Committee Meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00AM in the City Hall Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Christie at 7:12PM

City Clerk Wayne Jertson

Mayor Peter Christie